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8                   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9                   **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**  
10                  **AT TACOMA**

11 RODDY HORSLEY,

12                  Plaintiff,

13                  v.

14 WASHINGTON STATE, *et al.*,

15                  Defendants.

16                  NO. C09-5680 RJB/KLS

17                  ORDER RELATING TO PLAINTIFF'S  
18                  LETTER REQUEST FOR  
19                  CLARIFICATION / ASSISTANCE

20         Before the court is a letter from Plaintiff requesting clarification of court orders and  
21         requesting assistance. Dkt. 11. Plaintiff is advised as follows:

22         1) Plaintiff has been ordered to show cause why his case should not be dismissed  
23         or to file an amended complaint on or before January 29, 2010. *See* Dkt. 5 (order to show  
24         cause) and Dkt. 9 (order granting extension to show cause). Plaintiff must respond to the  
25         court's order to show cause or file a proposed amended complaint on or before January 29,  
26         2010, or the court will recommend dismissal of his case with prejudice for failure to state a  
claim.

27         2) Plaintiff was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Dkt. 8. Accordingly,  
28         the court will order the U.S. Marshal to serve the named defendants when and if Plaintiff has  
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1 successfully responded to the Order to Show Cause or the court has determined that Plaintiff  
2 has filed an acceptable amended complaint.

3) Plaintiff is advised that neither the court nor clerk of the court can provide  
4 legal advice. In the future, if Plaintiff seeks relief from this court, he must do so in the form  
5 of a motion, noted for hearing according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DATED this 11th day of January, 2010.

  
Karen L. Strombom  
United States Magistrate Judge